

### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the applicants' related co-pending applications and issued patents (see Appendix A) directed to nanoparticles and methods of preparation and use thereof.

The Applicants note that the Examiner did not return executed PTO 1449 forms for the Supplemental IDS hand-delivered to the Examiner on February 9, 2002 and 6<sup>th</sup> Supp. IDS that was hand-delivered to the Examiner on September 9, 2002. Subsequent to the issuance of this Office action, the Applicants had filed a 7<sup>th</sup> Supp. IDS. Attached copies of PTO stamped post-cards show that the Patent Office did receive all three IDSs, PTO-1449 forms and cited references. The Applicants request that the Examiner fully execute the PTO 1449 forms for the Supplemental, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Supp. IDSs and return a copy of the executed PTO 1449 forms to the undersigned representative. Copies of the Supplemental IDS, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Supplemental IDSs, and associated PTO 1449 forms are attached. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned representative if the Examiner would like to have another copy of the references.

The specification has been amended to update the priority claim. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

Claim 188 was pending in this application. Claim 188 was cancelled and new claims 433-476 were added to further clarify the invention. The new claims are fully supported in the cancelled pending claims, and thus do not constitute new matter. The new claims are supported, for example, by claims 190-265 and specification on page 21, line 3 to page 22, line 22; page 52, lines 21-30; and page 76, line 18 to page 80, line 27. Thus, the new claims do not constitute new matter.

Turning to the office action, claim 188 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 102(e) as being anticipated by Yguerabide (U.S. Patent No. 6,214,560)("Yguerabide"). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As a general rule, for prior art to anticipate under section 102, every element of the claimed invention must be identically disclosed in a single reference. Corning Glass Works v. Sumitomo Electric, 9 U.S.P.Q.2d 1962, 1965 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The exclusion of a claimed

element, no matter how insubstantial or obvious, from a reference is enough to negate anticipation. Connell v. Sears, Roebuck & Co., 220 U.S.P.Q 193, 1098 (Fed. Cir. 1983). Applicants respectfully submit that Yguerabide cannot be applied to support an anticipation rejection of the new claims under 35 U.S.C. section 102(e).

Specifically, the Examiner alleged that Yguerabide taught detection and measurement of one or more analytes in a sample using particles of specific composition and size using light scattering. The discussion is found starting in col. 82, line 35, of Yguerabide. Col. 83 provides further discussion regarding particle size and particle binding to a surface. There is no discussion of any universal nanoparticle detection probe or kit containing the same as recited in the new claims. New claims 433-476 recite limitations that are neither taught, made obvious, or suggested by the cited reference. Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that Yguerabide cannot be applied to support a section 102(e) rejection of the new claims.

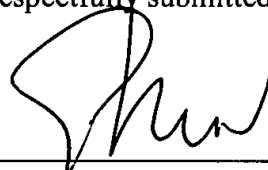
In conclusion, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims in this application are in allowable condition and request a Notice to this effect.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested and a favorable determination is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that this would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application.

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**APPENDIX A**

<b>ATTY Case No.</b>	<b>Serial No./ Filing Date</b>	<b>Inventors/Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>00-653-A</b>	U.S. 09/927,777 Filed 8/10/01	Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian, Taton, Garamella, Li, Park/ NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES ATTACHED THERE TO AND USES THEREFORE	PENDING
<b>00-713-B1</b>	09/923,625 Filed 8/7/01	Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian/ NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES ATTACHED THERE TO AND USES THEREFOR	PENDING
<b>00-713-C</b>	09/344,667, filed 6/25/99	Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian/ NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES ATTACHED THERE TO AND USES THEREFORE	U.S. Patent No. 6,361,944, issued 3/26/02
<b>00-713-I</b>	U.S.S.N 09/603,830 Filed 6/26/00	Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian, Taton; NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES ATTACHED THERE TO AND USES THEREFOR	U.S. Patent No. 6,506,564, issued 1/14/03
<b>00-713-I-1</b>	09/961,949 9/20/01	Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian, Taton;	U.S. Patent No. 6,582,921, issued June 24, 2003

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		NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES ATTACHED THERE TO AND USES THEREFOR	
<b>00-713-I-2</b>	09/957,318 9/20/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-3</b>	09/957,313 9/20/01	See 00-713-I-1	ALLOWED
<b>00-713-I-4</b>	09/966,491 9/28/01	See 00-713-I-1	ALLOWED
<b>00-713-I-5</b>	09/966,312 9/28/01	See 00-713-I-1	ALLOWED
<b>00-713-I-6</b>	09/967,409 9/28/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-7</b>	09/974,500 10/10/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-8</b>	09/974,007 10/10/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-9</b>	09/973,638 10/10/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-10</b>	09/973,788 10/10/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-11</b>	09/975,062 10/11/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-12</b>	09/975,376 10/11/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-13</b>	09/975,384 10/11/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-14</b>	09/975,498 10/11/01	See 00-713-I-1	ALLOWED

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<b>00-713-I-15</b>	09/975,059 11/11/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-16</b>	09/976,601 10/12/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-17</b>	09/976,968 10/12/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-18</b>	09/976,971 10/12/01	See 00-713-I-1	ALLOWED
<b>00-713-I-19</b>	09/976,863 10/12/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-20</b>	09/976,577 10/12/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-21</b>	09/976,618 10/12/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-22</b>	09/981,344 10/15/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-23</b>	09/976,900 10/12/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-24</b>	09/976,617 10/12/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-I-25</b>	09/976,378 10/12/01	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-i-26</b>	10/410,324 04/10/03	See 00-713-I-1	PENDING
<b>00-713-L</b>	U.S.S.N. 09/693,005 Filed 10/20/00	Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian/ NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES ATTACHED THERETO AND	U.S. Patent No. 6,495,324, issued 12/17/02

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		USES THEREFORE	
00-713-M	U.S.S.N. 09/693,352 Filed 10/20/00	Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian/ NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES ATTACHED THERE TO AND USES THEREFORE	U.S. Patent No. 6,417,340, issued 7/9/02
00-714-G	U.S. 09/830,620 Filed 8/15/01	Mirkin, Nguyen/ NANOPARTICLES WITH POLYMER SHELLS	PENDING
00-715-A	U.S. 09/760,500 Filed 1/12/01	Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian, Taton; Garamella, Li/ METHOD OF ATTACHING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES TO NANOPARTICLES AND PRODUCTS PRODUCED THEREBY	ALLOWED
00-1085-A	U.S.S.N. 09/820,279 Filed 3/28/01	Mirkin, Letsinger, etc./ METHOD AND MATERIALS FOR ASSAYING BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS	ALLOWED
00-1086-A	U.S. 09/903,461 Filed 7/11/01	Letsinger, Garimella/ METHOD OF DETECTION BY ENHANCEMENT OF SILVER STAINING	ALLOWED
01-565-A	USSN 10/125,194 Filed 4/18/02	Mirkin, Nguyen, Watson, Park/ OLIGONUCLEOTI DE-MODIFIED ROMP POLYMERS AND CO-	PENDING

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		POLYMERS	
01-599-A	U.S.S.N. 10/291,291 Filed 11/08/02	Storhoff/NOVEL THIOL-BASED METHOD FOR ATTACHING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES TO NANOPARTICLES	PENDING
01-661-A	U.S.S.N. 10/034,451 Filed 12/28/01	Mirkin, Cao, Jin/ DNA-MODIFIED CORE-SHELL AG/AU NANOCRYSTALS	PENDING
01-661-C	U.S.S.N. 10/153,483 Filed 5/22/02	Mirkin, Cao, Jin/ DNA-MODIFIED CORE-SHELL AG/AU NANOCRYSTALS	PENDING
01-661-E	U.S.S.N. 10/397,579 3/26/03	Mirkin, Cao, Jin/ DNA-MODIFIED CORE-SHELL AG/AU NANOCRYSTALS	PENDING
01-1565-A	U.S.S.N. 10/266,983 Filed 10/08/02	Park, Taton, Mirkin/ARRAY- BASED ELECTRICAL DETECTION OF DNA USING NANOPARTICLE PROBES	PENDING
01-1705-A	U.S.S.N. 10/108,211 Filed 3/27/02	Nam, Park, Mirkin/BIO- BARCODES BASED ON OLIGONUCLEOTI DE-MODIFIED NANOPARTICLES	PENDING
02-338-B	USSN 10/172,428 Filed 6/14/02	Cao, Jin, Nam, Mirkin/MULTIHA NNEL DETECTION USING NANOPARTICLE PROBES WITH	PENDING

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		RAMAN SPECTROSCOPIC FINGERPRINTS	
02-338-C	10/431,341 5/7/03	Cao, Jin, Nam, Mirkin/MULTICHAN- NEL DETECTION USING NANOPARTICLE PROBES WITH RAMAN SPECTROSCOPIC FINGERPRINTS	PENDING